

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-16 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,309,563 issued to Farrand, et al. (*Farrand*) and in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,065,053 issued to Nouri, et al. (*Nouri*). For at least the reasons set forth below, Applicants submit that claims 1-16 are not rendered obvious by *Farrand* and *Nouri*.

Claim 1 recites the following:

receiving a platform-independent alert packet containing hardware control data from an alert proxy external to a client device the alert packet further containing an event type;
parsing the alert packet to determine specified control operations to be performed on the client device;
determining a current operating state of the client device;
determining whether execution of the specified control operations are permitted while the client device is in the determined operating state; and
executing the specified control operations if the execution has been determined to be permitted.

Thus, Applicants claim use of a platform-independent alert packet including an event type to indicate control operations to be performed on a client device.

Applicants agree with the Office Action that *Farrand* does not disclose determining whether execution of received control operations are performed based on the operating state of the client device. Applicants submit that *Farrand* further fails to disclose an alert packet that includes an event type and communication of a platform-independent alert packet as claimed.

Nouri discloses a system for resetting a server. *Nouri* does not disclose receiving a platform-independent alert packet containing an event type. Therefore, no combination of *Farrand* and *Nouri* can teach or suggest the invention as claimed in claim 1.

Claims 2-7 are dependent claims that depend from claim 1. Because dependent claims include the limitations of the claims from which they depend, Applicants submit that claims 2-7 are not rendered obvious by *Farrand* and *Nouri* for at least the reasons set forth above.

Claim 8 recites the following:

a first electronic component;
a bus;
a sensor coupled to said bus and said first electronic component to sense events in said first electronic component; and
a second electronic component coupled to said bus to conditionally cause said first electronic component to perform a plurality of functions through said sensor, via said bus, responsive to control operations from a source external to the apparatus.

As discussed above, *Farrand* discloses a method for transferring messages from a network operating system to a system manager, and *Nouri* discloses a system for resetting a server. Neither *Farrand* nor *Nouri* discloses a sensor coupled to the bus and the first electronic component to sense events in the first electronic component.

Furthermore, neither *Farrand* nor *Nouri* discloses a second electronic component coupled to the bus to conditionally cause the first electronic component to perform a plurality of functions through the sensor, via the bus, responsive to control operations from a source external to the apparatus. The Office Action states that *Nouri* at col. 12, lines 50-62 discloses this limitation. However, the cited text of *Nouri* merely discloses that the microcontroller network 102 can perform various system administration tasks, such as monitoring the signals that come from server control switches, temperature sensors, and client computers. The cited text in *Nouri* does not disclose a second electronic component causing a first electronic component to perform a plurality of functions through the sensor and via the bus, in response to control operations from a source external to the apparatus. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 8 is not rendered obvious by *Farrand* and *Nouri*.

Claims 9-16 are dependent claims that depend from claim 8. Because dependent claims include the limitations of the claims from which they depend, Applicants submit that claims 9-16 are not rendered obvious by *Farrand* and *Nouri* for at least the reasons set forth above.

Conclusion

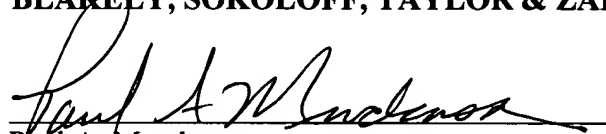
In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants submit that claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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